

education. He brought him to a just sense of his wickedness, but he was almost overwhelmed with despair. The poor criminal shuddered on the review of his past life, and on the prospect of a dreaded eternity just opening before him. Oh! Sir, said he, with the most earnest gesture, how calmly could I support the loss of every thing the world thinks desirable, if I had the blessing of innocence for my consolation! I could without fear meet death, if I had never known guilt. The good clergyman endeavoured to prepare him for the awful scene, and when the day came, on which he was to be executed, he was more resigned and easy than he had expected. His last words were addressed to parents, to beg of them to give their children a religious education. Be careful, added he, to indulge them
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in nothing, but what will make them good and happy. To gratify improper requests, and unnecessary desires, is to excite in them endless wishes, and to render them miserable and guilty. Give up nothing to the *child*, without considering what effect such indulgence will have on the conduct of the *man*.—For myself, I fall a victim to misguided tenderness! the sting of death is sin: oh! that I could draw forth this sting, and then I could suffer death without terror! but now I fear my sins are too great for me to expect forgiveness, or, if I escape punishment, I can never expect future happiness. Fear and hope by turns affect me—Ah! how dreadful to be uncertain in a matter of such vast importance! Pray for me, good people, and endeavour to avoid the fate you pity.

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